

## CHAPTER IV

### Land Status, Land-use and Postmining Land-use

#### PART 4.3 Land Status

- 4.3.1 Surface Land Status/Mine Plan Area
  - 4.3.1.1 Ownership
    - United States Government
  - 4.3.1.2 Surface Managing Authorities
    - United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Intermountain Region
  - 4.3.1.3 Utility Corridors and Other Right-of-Ways
    - None existing in documentation or court record
  - 4.3.1.4 Special Use Permits and Leases
    - Will have to obtain special use permit from United States Forest Service, Manti-LaSal Forest Ranger for surface facilities adjacent to permit area
- 4.3.2 Mineral Ownership/Mine Plan Area
  - 4.3.2.1 Coal Ownership and Mines
    - United States Government - United States Bureau of Land Management, operates as managing authority
  - 4.3.2.2 Coal Leases
    - #SL-062648 assigned through BLM (See Item One, [REDACTED] Chapter II). Applicant current leaseholder #SL-062648
  - 4.3.2.3 Mineral Ownership and Mines
    - United States Government
  - 4.3.2.4 Mineral Leases
    - Existing documentation indicates none exist
  - 4.3.2.5 Oil and Gas Ownership and Wells
    - United States Government owner - no existing oil or gas wells within permit area
  - 4.3.2.6 Oil and Gas Leases
    - Portion of the permit area are held under oil and gas lease issued by the Federal Government

#### PART 4.4 Land Use

- 4.4.1 Regional Land-use
  - Under United States Forest Service jurisdiction to be managed as a multiple use forest area

4.4.2 Land-use in Mine Plan Area

The only present use of the land to be affected by surface operations and facilities within the proposed permit area is for dispersed non-developed recreation. The area has been used for a previous mining operation and the previous operation created somewhat level areas to create access to the coal seam and for coal loading operations.

This has made the area somewhat more accessible and in a better condition as far as access goes, however, the previous operation has also left a lot of trash and lumber, remains of old cabins, fuel and oil cans in the area which might make it less desirable for recreation from an aesthetic point of view. A portion of the existing vegetation was also disturbed and there is no evidence of any revegetation work having ever been done in the area.

Emery County had previously zoned this area as a recreation forestry and mining area. However, as of November 12, 1979, this area has been re-zoned to CE-1 which is a critical environment zone.

The Manti-LaSal Division of the United States Forest Service has this area shown on their land use map as suitable for dispersed, non-developed recreation, and unsuitable for grazing as the slopes are steep and there is not enough of the necessary vegetation for grazing. It is also classified as unsuitable for logging operations as conifer is only a marginal component of the area.

A map showing the uses of the land existing at the time of the filing of this application is contained in this application as Map D.

The historic use of the land has been for recreation, forestry and mining as indicated by previous zoning, historic documentation, and visual examination.

The proposed mine plan area has been previously mined and the following information is provided as requested.

Type of mining method used: room and pillar method of mining.

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Coal seams mined: Hiawatha Seam only seam mined

Extent of coal removed: Approximately 35,000 tons as per U.S.G.S. calculations.

Approximate dates past mining: November 1939, until September of 1955, as per U.S.G.S. records. See subpart (a) under this section.

4.4.3 Land-use During Operation

4.4.3.1 Affect of Operation on Land-use

Applicant feels that greater portion of permit area will not be affected by our operation and that pre-mining land-use will be applicable except for disturbed area around portals and access road.

4.4.3.2 Mitigation of Effects of Operation  
None

PART 4.5 Postmining Land-use

Applicant feels that after reclamation, the land can again be used in the same manner as it was used prior to mining operations (See 4.4.2 above).

PART 4.6 Socioeconomic Considerations

Positive impact, see Chapter I, PART 1.2.

PART 4.7 Bibliography

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